

A new name in the terrestrial orchid genus *Pterostylis* R.Br. (Orchidaceae) for Victoria, Australia

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Abstract

A new name, *Pterostylis jonesii* G.N. Backh., is provided to replace the illegitimate combination *Pterostylis montana* (D.L. Jones) G.N. Backh. (*The Victorian Naturalist* 124 (6), 2007, 341).

Introduction

In a recent publication (Backhouse 2007), I proposed several new combinations for species of terrestrial orchids originally described in *Arachnorchis* (Jones 2006a) (= *Caladenia*; Hopper and Brown 2004a) and *Bunochilus* (Jones 2006b) (= *Pterostylis*; Hopper and Brown 2004b) in 2006. After publication of the new combinations, it was pointed out to me that one – *Pterostylis montana* (D.L. Jones) G.N. Backh. – was in fact a homonym (a taxonomic name identical to one previously applied to a different species) and therefore illegitimate, as *Pterostylis montana* Hatch had already been named and described from New Zealand (Hatch 1949). A new name is therefore required to accommodate *Bunochilus montanus* D.L. Jones within *Pterostylis* R.Br. as *Bunochilus* is not recognised as a distinct genus by the National Herbarium of Victoria (Walsh and Stajsic 2007), the central source of plant nomenclature for the State.

New name

Pterostylis jonesii G.N. Backh., *nom. nov.*
Basionym: *Bunochilus montanus* D.L. Jones, *Australian Orchid Research* 5, 118 (2006). *Pterostylis montana* (D.L. Jones) G.N. Backh., *The Victorian Naturalist* 24, 123–124 (2007), *nom. illeg. non Pterostylis montana* Hatch, *Transactions and Proceedings of the Royal Society of New Zealand* 77, 239 (1949).

The new epithet honours David L Jones, recently retired from the CSIRO Centre for Plant Biodiversity Research, Canberra, and leading authority in the taxonomy of Australian orchids, who originally described this species as *Bunochilus montanus*.

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